

Bayern, Villa qualify for finals

LONDON (R) — Bayern Munich of West Germany and English soccer champions Aston Villa qualified for the 27th European Cup final in contrasting fashion Wednesday. Bayern, who will be chasing the trophy for the fourth time in Rotterdam on May 26, crushed Bulgarian giant-killers CSKA Sofia 4-0 in Munich to go through on a 7-4 aggregate. World Cup stars Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the "European footballer of the year," each scored two goals. Villa, defending a slender 1-0 advantage, put the accent on defence in Brussels but a goalless draw was enough to guarantee them a place in the final in their European Cup campaign.

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Arafat: Egypt will return to Arab fold

BONN (R) — Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), was quoted Wednesday as saying he expected Egypt to move back politically towards the other Arab states once Israel had withdrawn from the Sinai. He told the Hamburg weekly Die Zeit in an interview in Beirut that he expected "a hesitant and timid change in this direction." Everything depended on Egypt itself, including opposition force there. Mr. Arafat said he was sure that the Egyptian people were friendly towards the Palestinians and that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would fulfil the wishes of his people.

Karachi police seize Afghan gun-haul

KARACHI (R) — Authorities at Karachi port have seized 250 British-made assault rifles shipped to Pakistan by an Afghan company in London, police said Wednesday. The police said the 303-type rifles were found in 21 crates the contents of which were not declared by the senders. The police refused to name the Afghan company that shipped the weapons or to whom they were sent, but said four men belonging to a clearing firm in Karachi were being interrogated. Several Afghan rebel groups fighting against the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan are based in Pakistan.

U.K. firms net trans-Gibraltar contracts

RABAT (R) — Two British firms of consulting engineers have been awarded contracts for preliminary feasibility surveys for a tunnel and a bridge across the Straits of Gibraltar, officials said Wednesday. Mott, Hay and Anderson International of Croydon will carry out a study for a rail and/or road tunnel in association with the Spanish company Intersa and five Moroccan concerns. Freeman, Fox and Partners of London, has been awarded a contract to do a survey for a bridge linking Spain and Morocco. The project would be a joint Moroccan-Spanish enterprise and the preliminary surveys are due to be completed by next October. Further technical studies are expected to take seven years and the actual construction at least five more years.

Dope condoms burst in smuggler's belly

WEST BERLIN (R) — A West Berlin heroin smuggler was critically ill Wednesday after five rubber condoms he had swallowed containing the drug burst in his stomach, police said. The police said he had been trying to smuggle 55 grammes of heroin into West Berlin from Pakistan but his stomach acids had eaten through the thin rubber of the contraceptives and released the heroin. A girlfriend took him to hospital after he complained of severe stomach cramp.

1st U.S. woman, black astronauts named

WASHINGTON (R) — The first woman and the first black astronaut to be selected for a U.S. space mission have been named by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Sally Ride, who holds a doctorate in astrophysics, was selected for the crew of the seventh shuttle flight scheduled for April, 1983, and Gulon Bluford, a former air force fighter pilot, was chosen for the eighth shuttle flight in July of next year.

Finnish envoy dies in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — Finland's ambassador to Israel, Paavo Helminen, died in Tel Aviv on Monday after a short illness, the embassy announced Wednesday. He was 53. Mr. Helminen took up his post less than two months ago. He previously served in Warsaw, Vienna and Bern and for the past 10 years held a senior position in the foreign ministry in Helsinki. He leaves a wife and three grown sons.

JD 3 million sought to restore Al Aqsa

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has submitted a request to the government to make available a JD 3 million fund as soon as possible to carry out restoration of Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem which was damaged during the criminal attack by an Israeli soldier on April 11.

The ministry memorandum said that most of the fund should be basically raised by the Islamic bodies in the Arab World and that additional allocations should be made to strengthen guard security at the mosque's gates.

The ministry announced Wednesday the receipt of JD 15,000 as a contribution by the shari'a courts in Qatar to the reconstruction of Islamic sites in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

Syria urges Israel's expulsion from U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Syria has called for Israel's expulsion from the U.N. shortly after the United States vetoed a Security Council resolution implicitly blaming Israel for the April 11 attack on Al Aqsa Mosque.

Shortly after the council vote, the 157-nation General Assembly resumed an emergency special session on Palestine that was adjourned in July 1980 but reactivated following a recent recommendation of the non-aligned group of states.

Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said the assembly had "no choice but to adopt a resolution" revoking a decision it took in 1949 to admit Israel to the world organization.

"The adoption of such a resolution would restore confidence in the international organization,

consolidate international legitimacy, and would not permit using the universality of this organization as a cover for aggression, oppression and injustice," he added.

Meanwhile, a State Department statement defended the U.S. veto. It said:

"We opposed the draft resolution in the Security Council because it contained language implying that part of the responsibility for the incident lay with the Israeli authorities, whereas all available evidence shows that it was the solitary act of an individual. The draft resolution also implied that Israel in some unspecified way had hindered the Higher Islamic Council in Jerusalem from carrying out its duties in its administration of the holy places.

Cries go up in Tehran for Qotbzadeh's blood

LONDON (R) — Thousands of Iranians took to the streets Wednesday to call for the execution of former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh as a new campaign appeared to be gearing up to quash clerical opposition to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Tehran Radio said mass demonstrations took place throughout the country to denounce Mr. Qotbzadeh, 46, who is facing a death sentence for his part in an alleged plot to overthrow the 82-year-old revolutionary leader.

Residents in the capital said the demonstrators also reviled the country's second-ranking religious leader, Ayatollah Kazem Shariat-Madari, 82, as pro-American and unworthy of his place in Iran's Shi'ite Muslim hierarchy.

The government-sponsored campaign against Ayatollah Shariat-Madari, a focus of opposition, has peaked since Mr.

Qotbzadeh implicated him in the alleged plot during a televised interrogation broadcast two nights ago.

Iranian sources noted the unprecedented attacks on such a senior clergyman came in the run-up to scheduled elections for an assembly of experts to choose a successor to Ayatollah Khomeini, whose health is the subject of constant speculation in Tehran.

Elections for the assembly of experts were due to take place by the end of this month, but no date is known to have been set.

Iranian sources said the authorities' task in choosing the assembly of experts would be easier if top religious figures were silenced before the elections.

Several opposition groups have indicated Ayatollah Shariat-Madari as their choice to fill the constitutional position of religious leader currently occupied by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Weinberger says Soviets have better nuclear arms

NEW YORK (R) — Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger has said the Soviet Union had better nuclear weapons than the U.S. and Kremlin leaders were beginning to think they could win an atomic war.

At a press conference Tuesday, before making a defence speech to the council on foreign relations, he said the U.S. must remain on an offensive scale because "no one knows how much time we have."

He rejected increasing calls from prominent Republicans and Democrats that the \$25 billion defence budget be scaled down because of domestic economic difficulties.

"This is a dangerous decade and delay is too dangerous. We have no more time to lose," he said, outlining what he termed Soviet superiority in nuclear and conventional forces.

He said the Soviet Union, which he called the only imperialist power on earth, was now in the fifth generation of nuclear missile production and their missiles had "a higher degree of accuracy than ours."

He also said: "We have a great deal of evidence that the Soviets are increasingly coming to believe that a nuclear war is winnable. This is a new factor."

He cited the Soviet Union's major civil defence effort, barding of missile silos and extensive nuclear warhead production, which he said had outstripped the United States.

Last week Mr. Weinberger said Moscow had a missile that was significantly more accurate than any in the U.S. arsenal.

In his speech, he said the Soviet Union had improved the accuracy, yield, range and variety of its nuclear weapons to reach the "margin of superiority" which President Reagan said they now possessed.

He said U.S. military strength had faltered in the 1970s and added: "This worsening trend has now resulted in a margin of superiority in many categories of Soviet strategic nuclear, theatre nuclear and conventional forces."

He said the Soviet Union "now has the power and reach to challenge our interests almost anywhere in the world."

Pym shifts words on Falklands

LONDON (R) — Britain's Foreign Secretary Francis Pym Wednesday ruled out the use of force to regain the Falkland Islands while negotiations continue for a peaceful settlement but then retracted his statement.

Mr. Pym, who flies to Washington Thursday to see U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and present British counter-proposals to Argentina's peace plan, first told parliament he would exclude the possibility of military action "as long as negotiations are in play."

Fifteen minutes later, he hurried back into parliament saying he may have given the wrong impression and asserting that the use of force "could not at any stage be ruled out."

Parliamentary observers said his prompt retraction was most embarrassing for the new foreign secretary, who took over just 16 days ago when Lord Carrington resigned, accepting blame for the Falklands crisis.

Mr. Pym's first statement caused a flutter in the financial markets. The value of sterling went up and gold prices dropped temporarily on raised hopes that a war would be averted.

By retracting his statement, Mr. Pym clearly left open the possibility that Britain's big naval task force now approaching the Falklands could go into action while negotiations are proceeding for a diplomatic solution. (Related story on page 8)

Argentina softens attitude

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina's ruling military junta has begun a campaign to reassure the public that a transitional period of joint British and Argentine administration in the disputed Falkland (Malvinas) Islands would not damage the country's claim to full sovereignty over the archipelago.

The junta issued a communique confirming that Argentina was ready to accept a transitional period in the government of the Falklands while negotiations took place on its future.

This was a change from Argentina's earlier headline stance that British recognition of Argentine sovereignty over the desolate and sparsely populated archipelago was a precondition for negotiations on a peaceful settlement of the Falklands dispute.

Nevertheless the communique stated that after the transitional period expired "the only possible outcome will be the full exercise of our sovereignty."

Koreas report border fighting

SEOUL (R) — North and South Korean troops fought a four-hour gun battle across the demilitarised zone dividing the two Koreas Wednesday, the defence ministry said.

The ministry said the shooting began after four North Korean troops were killed or wounded in a mine explosion while apparently trying to cross to the south.

It accused the North Koreans of opening fire first and pumping more than 800 rounds of automatic fire at southern posts in the zone. South Korean soldiers returned the fire, the ministry added.

The exchange, the first along the zone this year, caused no casualties on the southern side, the ministry said. Shooting erupted across the zone seven times last year.

Radio Pyongyang, monitored by the Korea News Service in Tokyo, said South Korean soldiers shot and killed or wounded North Korean patrolmen in the demilitarised zone early this morning.

The official North Korean radio accused the South Korean army of staging a grave military provocation against the patrol squad while it was making a routine patrol mission inside the zone.

2 Syrian, 1 Israeli jets hit in dogfight

Israel, violating Lebanon truce, attacks Palestinians at Damour

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes launched a barrage of raids on Palestinian targets south of Beirut Wednesday, only four days before Israel hands back the last slice of Sinai to Egypt under the Camp David peace accords.

First reports from Lebanese security sources said at least 19 people were killed as the Israelis launched wave after wave of bombing runs around Damour, about 15 kilometres south of here.

Syrian fighters, apparently coming from Syria itself, scrambled to meet the attack.

Security sources said two Syrian planes were shot down and a Syrian military statement said an Israeli aircraft was also hit, although the Israelis claimed all their planes returned safely.

The Israeli strike was the first since a ceasefire last July halted

Israeli-Palestinian hostilities in Lebanon after two weeks of heavy fighting which resulted after Israeli jets bombed Palestinian refugee camps, killing more than 100 people.

The Lebanese cabinet converted a routine meeting into a crisis session as reports of the raid came in, and it sent an urgent complaint to the United Nations Security Council, cabinet sources said.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar expressed deep concern and appealed for an immediate halt to all hostile acts.

In a statement issued through a spokesman, he also urged all parties to exercise the maximum restraint "so that the cease-fire, which has generally held since July 1981, can be fully restored and maintained."

The Israeli raid was concentrated around Damour, and Naameh, a neighbouring industrial area, and Ain Mazboud further inland, were also reported to have been hit.

Witnesses in Damour said buildings in the already semi-devastated town were hit and they reported a number of car accidents as drivers on the main coastal highway rushed for safety. The bombing started several fires.

Initial reports that Palestinian refugee camps on the southern outskirts of Beirut were also bombed were denied by Palestinian sources and appeared to stem from confusion amid the scream of jets and thud of anti-aircraft fire.

But the village of Aramoun, near Beirut International Airport just south of Beirut, was reliably reported hit. The airport closed as

soon as the attack began and incoming flights were turned away. There was pandemonium in Beirut as jets, apparently those which had just carried out the bombing, roared low over the city attracting anti-aircraft fire.

In Damascus, a Syrian military statement said Syrian anti-aircraft units in Lebanon and air force planes went into action. It said one Israeli and two Syrian planes were hit.

Lebanese security sources said one Syrian plane was shot down in the Kesrouan district, northeast of Beirut, and the other in the Bekaa Valley, east Lebanon.

Syria, which has a 30,000-strong peacekeeping force in Lebanon, last year installed Soviet-made SAM-6 surface-to-air missiles in the Bekaa Valley.

EEC to extend \$63m loans to Jordan

By Lima Nahil

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The European Economic Community (EEC) will extend to Jordan loans and assistance amounting to \$63 million during Jordan's present five-year development plan (1981-1985), according to Mr. Maurice Foley, the EEC's deputy director-general for development.

Mr. Foley, addressing a press conference here Wednesday, referred to the EEC's support for the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination in their homeland.

He said that it is necessary for the Palestinians to establish their own state and achieve political independence.

Out of the \$63 million aid, \$27 million will be allocated for industrial projects that will be established in Jordan in cooperation with the Industrial Development Bank, Mr. Foley said.

In his talks with Jordanian government officials, Mr. Foley said priorities, as set out in the development plan were given prime consideration.

The Jordanian delegation gave a resume to the priorities incorporated in the plan with particular emphasis on agriculture, infrastructure, small medium-scale industry, manpower development, sewerage facilities, water and energy. It was also noted that the plan emphasises social development and meeting basic human needs.

There was a general agreement in the discussions that the EEC's programme for the next five years would concentrate on certain priorities within the plan context, Mr. Foley said.

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Israeli cabinet approves Sinai pullout on Sunday

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel gave final approval Wednesday for the handover of Sinai to Egypt on Sunday and ordered its troops to evict thousands of Jewish extremists trying to stop the operation.

Last-minute doubts about the handover were cleared when a special cabinet meeting decided unanimously to complete the Sinai withdrawal on schedule.

An official statement said the government had received assurances it was seeking from Egypt and the United States and called on Israelis to pull out peacefully. The desert territory, occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, has already been evacuated by most Jewish settlers and soldiers.

But an estimated 2,000 extremists, who are disputing the amount of compensation offered by the government, were vowing to stage a last stand against the withdrawal in the north Sinai township of Yamit.

Extra troops have moved in and their commander voiced fears that the eviction operation could be violent.

Meanwhile in Cairo, the government said Israel's decision to withdraw its forces from the Sinai peninsula on April 25 as scheduled had "ushered in" a new phase of developed relations between the two countries.

The Israeli decision became known minutes after a two-hour meeting between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his top foreign policy advisers to consider last-minute problems complicating the withdrawal.

An Egyptian foreign ministry source said that Egypt, in letters to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, had reiterated pledges of full commitment to the Camp David accords as the only framework for peace.

The Egyptian assurances, which included a pledge to continue negotiations for Palestinian "autonomy" in the occupied West

Bank and the Gaza Strip, had satisfied Israeli demands, the source said.

Meanwhile, an information ministry spokesman said President Mubarak had cancelled plans to attend a ceremony in Sinai marking the Israeli withdrawal.

He gave no reason for the change but said two governors from Sinai would attend the flag-raising ceremony.

President Mubarak's foreign policy adviser, Osama Al Baz, told reporters after Wednesday's meeting that differences still existed between Egypt and Israel over the controversial coastal Strip of Taba in the Gulf of Aqaba.

But he said "the dispute on where the border line should be drawn is largely a technical one."

U.S. envoy Walter Stoessel is currently shuttling between the two countries to iron out their differences. He is expected to come to Cairo from Israel on Wednesday.

Bombs kill 2 in Ulster

BELFAST (R) — Two men died and several people were injured when Irish nationalist guerrillas planted bombs in seven Northern Ireland towns Tuesday, police said.

The highest blast was in the small town of Magherafelt near Londonderry where a massive car bomb exploded just as police were clearing the main square after a warning tip-off.

A 32-year-old passer-by was killed and police later discovered the body of another man seated in a parked car that was buried beneath debris.

Officials said a policeman was injured in Londonderry where youths pelted security forces with stones and petrol bombs.

Troops fired plastic bullets during more street violence in Londonderry during the night. Groups of youths pelted security forces with stones and petrol bombs and a policeman was injured, officials said.

Other bombs exploded in Londonderry, Belfast, Bellmyna, Beebrook, Strabane and Armagh. A policeman and several civilians were injured, mostly by flying glass and debris.

Officials said the bombs were planted to mark the anniversary of the death of guerrilla hunger strikers in jail last year.

The trouble in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second city, followed the death on Sunday of an 11-year-old boy, alleged by local residents to have been hit on the head by a plastic bullet fired by security forces.

Salvador political bargaining intensifies

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Leaders of El Salvador's centrist and rightist parties have intensified negotiations to hammer out by the weekend a power-sharing arrangement in a new government to be appointed by a constituent assembly, political sources said.

Meeting all day Tuesday, representatives of the U.S.-backed Christian Democrats and two right-wing parties discussed the allotment of executive posts in the new government, the sources said.

The negotiations are very intense," Francisco Jose Guerrero, a leader of the conservative National Conciliation Party (PCN) told a reporter during a midday break. He said the aim of his party together with the centrist Christian Democrats and the ultra-right National Republican Alliance (ARENA) was to reach an agreement, if possible, by the weekend.

In Washington, the U.S. administration in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee offered to assist in negotiations to bring some of El Salvador's insurgent groups into the political process.

The Christian Democrats in the March 28 assembly poll captured the largest single bloc of votes, winning 24 of the 60 assembly seats.

But they were outpolled by the PCN and ARENA, which took 33 seats, enough to give them a combined control over the assembly.

ARENA and PCN officials, joined by leaders of tiny right-wing parties, which took the remaining seats, say their assembly dominance entitles them to freeze out the Christian Democrats from all the government's top posts, including most of the ministries.

But the Christian Democrats are pressing for a share in the new government equal to their representation in the assembly.

The new executive government will replace a Christian Democrat-military junta ruling the country since 1980, during which time it instituted U.S.-backed agrarian and nationalisation reforms to undercut support for leftist guerrillas.

The guerrillas are fighting in a war that has killed more than 30,000 people in the past two years.

Malaysian poll today

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Six million Malaysians vote in parliamentary and state elections Thursday and the ruling National Front seems certain to win.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad is confident the 11-party front can improve on its total of 133 out of 154 seats in the parliament dissolved last month.

Dr. Mahathir, whose multi-racial coalition has held power since independence 25 years ago, wants a strong mandate for the reformist policies begun when he took office nine months ago.

His campaign platform has been clean, effective and trustworthy government. Dr. Mahathir, 56, has also stressed the front's commitment to Islam and to the new economic policy aimed at giving Malays more economic power.

The National Front includes the country's largest Malay, Chinese and Indian parties. It has already picked up 12 uncontested parliamentary seats and 18 seats in the state assemblies.

Dr. Mahathir's main challenge comes from the Chinese-based Democratic Action Party (DAP) and the fundamentalist Islamic Party (PAS).

Both DAP and PAS have criticised the government's continued ban on public rallies and its control or ownership of the media, which they say has hurt their chances.

The leftist DAP has been pushed on the defensive by Dr. Mahathir's attack on corruption and the large-scale release of political detainees.

DAP will benefit from Chinese discontent over recent changes in national education policy.

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This year's Jerash Festival will be a better show

By Nujoud Goussous
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jerash, the ancient Roman city, came to a new life with a special festival last October. The idea of holding a festival was proposed by Her Majesty Queen Noor during Yarmouk University's graduation ceremony of 1980. Gradually, the idea gained momentum at the university, and a festival took place between Oct. 21-23 under the patronage of the Queen herself.

This year however, it was decided that the Jerash Festival will be held on an annual basis in the country. It was also decided that it was too much for Yarmouk University alone to be in charge of it all. Therefore different organizations all over the country would be joining forces this year to produce the festival.

The Queen has accepted to chair the festival's higher committee, and it was decided that Dr. Mazen Armouti, assistant professor and director of Journalism and Mass Communication Department at Yarmouk University, would be the festival's director. The festival will be held on Aug. 12, the day following the King Hussein's accession, and will go on until Aug. 20.

"This year the festival will not be like last year's," Dr. Armouti told the Jordan Times. "The 1981 Jerash Festival was a learning experience."

Dr. Armouti talked about the many things that need to be improved. He said "the lighting system last year was very successful, but as the festival this year is going to take place mainly in the evenings and at night, we have to raise the level of lighting everywhere."

Restaurants in Jerash were not enough last year to cater for the huge number of people who attended (about 100,000). This year however we are thinking of building prefab restaurants, Dr. Armouti said.

More lavatories will be introduced, as well as a running water system, more entrance gates, and microphones for plays, something which did not exist last year. As for tickets Dr. Armouti said last year, tickets were a big problem that came unexpected.

"Each person in the festival had an entrance ticket, and with this ticket he or she could go into any kind of activity taking place anywhere and anytime. This caused great chaos especially in closed theatres where concerts and plays which needed silence and a good deal of concentration were in progress." This year however the entrance tickets will be different for different activities.

Transportation also was a problem going back to the unexpectedly high attendance; first class transportation is being organized for this year and the road from Amman to Jerash is being maintained.

Ushers who were about 150 last year — all Yarmouk University students of course — are going to be double if not treble that number and there will be shift rotations. The communication system between the organizers in the festival also will be improved by bringing in more telephones and maybe walkie-talkies.

In the first meeting of the executive committee for the Jerash Festival the following proposals were approved.

— The celebrations will start with children's shows, plays, some crafts, art exhibitions and movies.

— Fireworks will start at 7:30 p.m. to start off with the official programme.

— Special tickets for plays will be sold at the doors.

— The festival will need more space in the ruins' area than last year.

— Inviting Arab and foreign folklore dancers.



Impressions of the Jerash Festival by Ali Milfah



Last year's Jerash Festival was a learning experience, says festival's director Mazen Armouti. This year's festival, however, is going to be different in that many services and facilities

will be added. The festival will be held on Aug. 12, the day following the 30th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's accession to the throne, and will go on until Aug. 20.

— New light and sound system will be used.

This year's festival will attempt to strike a balance between local, Arabic, and International activities, like crafts, art exhibitions,

bookshows, music (local and classical), drama, fashion shows, poetry recitals (Arab and Jordanian poets), folkloric dances (local and international) and other supporting activities.

German archaeology institute opens today

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The culmination of many years of hard work will be celebrated on Thursday evening when the new building of the German Evangelical Institute for Archaeology of the Holy Land in Amman will be officially opened.

Although the building was completed in 1980 and lived in by its director, Dr. Ute Wagner-Lux, since 1976 when it was still just a shell, the opening was delayed until now so that everyone who had helped to achieve the construction of the brand new purpose-built base for the Institute in Amman could be present.

Guests of honour will include Dr. Heinz Joachim Held, the president of the German Evangelical Institute; Dr. Geor Krueger-Wittmack, an administrator with the Institute for over 30 years; Dr. Marie-Luise Zarnitz from the Volkswagen Foundation; and Dr. Christian Meyer, a member of the institute's committee. Also present will be Dr. Ernest Krueger, the 80-year-old architect who designed the new spacious building which includes a workshop, a library and accommodation for 10 people.

Situated opposite to the University of Jordan, the German institute is a branch of the German Evangelical Institute in East Jerusalem which was founded in 1900 by the German Protestant Church in order to promote the study of archaeology, geography, history, geology, theology and church history in the countries of the Near East. Both institutes are now run under the directorship of Dr. Ute Wagner-Lux, who came to the Middle East as an assistant director of the institute in Jerusalem in 1964. It was from Jerusalem that her interest in the East Bank started. In 1965 she did her first season's work at the ancient Roman Decapolis town of Gadara — present day Umm Qeis. Then in 1966 and 1967 Dr. Wagner-Lux excavated two churches in Madaba, including the Apostle Church where her team discovered very beautiful mosaics.

Help had also been forthcoming from the Department of Antiquities, and with their financial and technical aid much restoration work has been carried out at the site.

Apart from the excavation work at Umm Qeis, and being the director of two institutes, Dr. Wagner-Lux's other duties include taking, each year, a group of six archaeology and theology students on an eight-week educational tour of Jordan, Syria and southern Turkey.

dating from the sixth century A.D. Her plans to return to Umm Qeis the following year however had to be shelved because of the 1967 war.

These plans were kept in cold storage much longer than Dr. Wagner-Lux anticipated, and it was not until five years later — during which time she had become the director of the Institute in Jerusalem — that she was able to return to Jordan. Taking the first possible opportunity in 1972, she crossed the Allenby Bridge and contacted the Jordanian Department of Antiquities. A meeting with His Majesty King Hussein led to Dr. Wagner-Lux being asked if she would begin work again on Umm Qeis, and by 1974, she had completed a "beautiful survey" on the site.

From the survey it quickly became apparent that many, many years of more work would be necessary to excavate and restore the enormous site even partially, and thus Dr. Wagner-Lux would need a better base than a hostelroom to work from. With funds from the Volkswagen Foundation, work on the new building started in 1976.

In the meantime, Dr. Wagner-Lux continued her work at Umm Qeis. Sponsored by the German Research Society, she has now carried out five long seasons of excavation there. Last year, because of the enormity of the task, an invited team of archaeologists from the University of Copenhagen aided Dr. Wagner-Lux. "I am hoping teams from Switzerland, Austria and Holland will also come to help us," Dr. Wagner-Lux told the Jordan Times.

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One of the proposals approved by the executive committee of the festival for this year is to invite more Arab and international folklore dancers. Another is to have more space in the ruins' area than last year.



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Summer shopping

If you are a sales person you want of course to sell. This explains why the Amman storekeepers always try by hook or by crook to make you buy something. Perhaps the most savoury examples are to be found in clothes shops where the selection grows every year, as does the price.

Nobody is now shocked to see a simple two-piece cotton suit being sold for JD 120 or an evening dress for between JD 200 and JD 400. The days are long gone when dresses never cost more than JD 50.

Since spring came, the stores have been packed with Jordanian ladies out to replenish their summer wardrobes. Being no exception myself I happened to be wandering along Rainbow Street the other day, when I was attracted by a certain shop-window; I entered to explore.

Many ladies wearing expensive clothes and absorbed expressions were viewing the items on display. One of them, a distinguished looking lady in her forties wanted to try on four dresses to the approving look of the sales lady. Having slipped on the one that particularly won her fancy she snatched out of the changing room keen to see the reaction of the other ladies. The sales lady, having sensed a potential buyer in her rushed forth to shower her with compliments on her taste, and how beautifully the colour matched her complexion.

All this was not enough to convince the lady who still had scruples about the striking colours of the dress; finally the sales lady said, having thought of a good one:

"This dress suits you beautifully. It makes you look ten years younger."

"In this case I don't want it," replied the lady, suddenly having made up her mind. "You see," she added, "when I take it off I'll look ten years older."



Prime minister receives heads of agriculture delegations Wednesday

Badran meets agriculture delegates

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran received at his office on Wednesday the heads of the delegations that participated in the Arab agricultural cooperative seminar. The meeting was attended by Jordan Cooperative Organisation Director General Hassan Al Nabulsi.

Tuesday, the agricultural subjects they discussed on the Arab level, and the decisions they adopted.

Mr. Badran stressed to them Jordan's eagerness to achieve Arab agricultural integration and to encourage the exchange of agricultural produce. He also stressed the importance of giving a great deal of attention to agricultural development when drawing up national development plans in all Arab countries.

The heads of the delegations briefed Mr. Badran on the results of their seminar, which ended on



Sharif Ghazi Rakan Nasser (standing, far left) opens Wednesday a course at Queen Noor Civil Aviation Training Institute. Standing to his left are the institute's director, Mrs. Ayser Akrawi, and the courses instructor (Petra photo)

Two courses open at aviation institute

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-week management training course, opened at Queen Noor Civil Aviation Training Institute Wednesday.

The 13 participants represent the Amman Civil Airport fire brigade, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and the Telecommunications Corporation.

Another course, on aerodrome lighting, was also opened at the institute Wednesday. The two-week course is attended by 14 ele-

critical engineers and technicians from the Directorate of Civil Aviation.

Both courses were opened by Civil Aviation Director General Sharif Ghazi Rakan, who said that the courses were designed to train technical cadres to operate Jordan's airports and their various equipment.

The courses are part of the Queen Noor Civil Aviation Training Institute's efforts to provide trained staff for the Queen Alia International Airport, due to open later this year.

Mufti opens juvenile delinquents centre

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti opened at Yajouz Wednesday the Usama Ibn Zaid centre for juveniles.

In a speech on the occasion, the minister stressed the importance of establishing such centres and the need for cooperation among the various government bodies in matters related to the care of juveniles and the causes of their delinquency, in a bid to enable them to be rehabilitated into their community.

The minister paid tribute to the efforts of the Ministry of Interior and the cooperation of its various departments in providing the most suitable human and living conditions for juveniles in Jordan.

In her speech, Mrs. Mufti referred to migration from rural to urban regions in search of better public services and also to Israel's forcible eviction of the Arab inhabitants from the occupied Arab territories who eventually come to the East Bank of Jordan to settle.

She blamed forced emigration for many of Jordan's social problems, most important of which is juvenile delinquency and the proliferation of crimes.

Mrs. Mufti said that through the efforts of her ministry, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, three juvenile courts have been opened in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa to deal with juvenile delinquents in an atmosphere that is free from intimidation or fear. A new draft juvenile law has been formulated through close cooperation of both ministries, she added.

The first action by the Ministry of Social Development was to separate juvenile delinquents from adult criminals and has established several juvenile rehabilitation centres, Mrs. Mufti said.

She added that these centres are continuously developing their programmes by introducing vocational training as well as cultural, social and scientific activities.

Spring Fete for the aid of handicapped children

AMMAN (J.T.) — A spring fete will be held on Saturday, April 24, at the residence of the American ambassador to Jordan (between Jabal Amman's First and Second Circles) for the aid of handicapped children.

Mrs. Marina Viets, wife of U.S. Ambassador Richard Viets and organiser of the exhibition, told the Jordan Times that the fete, which will be held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. will have hand embroidery, wicker-work, baskets and home-baked cakes, made by the mothers of handicapped children; refreshments; and a raffle.

All proceeds will go to the Cerebral Palsy Pilot Project and to other schools for handicapped children, Mrs. Viets said.

The project, which is organised in cooperation with the Al Hussein Medical Centre's Orthopaedic department and run predominantly by volunteers, attempts to administer physiotherapy to the children and to train their mothers to take better care of them. Funds which will be raised will allow the project to buy teaching aids.

There will be an entry fee of 100 fils, and all guests will be requested to use the residence's entrance near the American Club.

AWSA aim to alleviate brain drain to Gulf

By Samira Kavar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Participants in a six-session interdisciplinary water seminar, which began on Feb. 10, at the University of Jordan met for the last time on Wednesday morning to discuss future training of water and sewage experts in Jordan and to formulate their recommendations.

Wednesday's session was chaired by Dr. Boulos Kifayah of the National Planning Council (NPC) and attended by some 30 University of Jordan faculty members and water specialists from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the Amman Water and Sewage Authority (AWSA).

Dr. Ghaleb Odat from AWSA gave a brief report on AWSA's training programme for water and sewage technicians, which began on a trial basis one and a half years ago. Dr. Odat and Dr. Kifayah expressed their hope that the AWSA centre would eventually offer training to water and sewage technicians throughout Jordan and would help to alleviate the brain-drain of Jordanian experts and technicians to the Gulf. Dr. Kifayah explained that if the centre would ultimately be able to train Gulf nationals in agreement with the Gulf countries themselves, then these countries would rely less heavily on Jordanians to work in the Gulf and a point of saturation would ultimately be reached.

Dr. Odat regretted that the AWSA training centre is not functioning as it ought to at present due to problems in designing appropriate training courses and the centre itself. He expected that when the centre became fully operational, most of the teaching and training would be done by AWSA experts themselves, while experts from NRA and WSC and other institutions would step in to provide instruction in their own fields.

Dr. Kifayah pointed out that plans were going apace for the establishment of a satisfactory training programme at the AWSA centre. A USAID team had recently submitted a draft training

programme at the request of the NPC, he said.

Dr. Hani Shak'ah from the RSS Waste Water Treatment Centre also reported on the centre's work since its establishment in 1970. Studies carried out in conjunction with AWSA had shown that the Zarqa River waters were highly polluted with organic and inorganic wastes, he said.

Another three-year RSS project to study pollution in the King Talal Dam and its catchment had begun one and a half years ago in conjunction with WSC and the University of Jordan, he said. He indicated that another RSS programme to study and survey all possible hazardous materials being imported to Jordan was being conducted. This programme would concentrate on finding out about the importation of toxic materials already banned in other countries, but still being imported into Jordan by some industries due to the absence of official control.

Dr. Gerd Forch from the University of Jordan's Engineering and Technology Faculty then summed up the seminar's work and suggested some recommendations to be taken up by various official water and sewage institutions in the country.

Dr. Forch, who cochaired the entire seminar along with Dr. Elias Salameh of the Science Faculty, recommended the establishment of a comprehensive research and study centre at the University of Jordan in the field of water resources and environment. Such a centre, he said, would serve to coordinate the individual research of individuals from both the University and other institutions such as the RSS, AWSA, JVA and WSC. The centre would also initiate research projects, conduct interdisciplinary research and maintain the cooperation established in the seminar between water scientists in the University and RSS on the one hand and practitioners in AWSA, WSC and JVA on the other, he said. He also recommended that such a centre should organise courses to update the knowledge of water experts and design courses to train technicians.

Consultation Technical Services and Studies Centre

Also at the university, the first Arab consultancy institution to offer services and consultation in all scientific, educational, social and technical fields was established at the end of February. The centre's board of directors comprises seven members and a chairman, appointed by the president of the University of Jordan.

The centre's chairman Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber said that the centre's main objective was to offer training, management and other essential consultancy skills to anyone requiring them on the Jordanian market. Speaking at the last session of the interdisciplinary water seminar at the University of Jordan on Wednesday, Dr. Abu Jaber said that the centre had been established with a view to drawing on the talent, training and expertise of the 500 professors and faculty members at the university in all fields and disciplines and marketing them in practical fields necessary in society. The University's research and Consultation Centre would "act as a link between the talents and expertise of faculty members and society at large," he said.

The centre's scope of activity will include the humanities, the pure sciences, business and economics, Shari'ah, medicine, agriculture, education, engineering and technology. Research to develop activity in these fields will be carried out at the centre and technical consultation will be offered to all institutions which request it. Dr. Abu Jaber pointed out that experts will be sent out from the centre to client organisations for consultancy purposes. The centre will also prepare architectural, engineering and mechanical engineering designs for client organisations. Feasibility studies and consultancy services for public and private sector corporations also will be offered, he said. The centre will also work to develop curricula in schools, and institutes of intermediate and higher education; as well as organising conferences and seminars in scientific and technical fields as the need

for them arises and at the request of client organisations.

The centre will commission university faculties and other employees whom it may hire to carry out studies and research in return for a fee to be agreed upon. The centre will in return charge client organisations a fee for its services. University faculties and staff are now prohibited from offering technical and consultancy service on an individual basis except through the recently established centre.

Referring to some of the problems faced by this "fast growing infant organisation", Dr. Abu Jaber said that gaining the confidence of the public and building it up to a point where large private and government institutions would consult it, are aims yet to be achieved. Another problem was introducing flexibility into some of the University's bye-laws, which sometimes restrict fulfilment of the centre's commercial needs.

The centre so far has three main departments, Dr. Abu Jaber said. The first is an engineering department with design, supervision and a major projects branch. The department boasted 15 specialised engineers and it was hoped that it would soon begin the design of a project for the Arab Bank, Dr. Abu Jaber said.

A second "catch-all" department called studies and research had been established for conducting commercial feasibility studies and administrative, social, economic and other studies, Dr. Abu Jaber said. He hoped that this department would eventually branch out into more specialised smaller departments.

A third department, which still had only one employee in training, had been established to offer managerial training, Dr. Abu Jaber said. There was a large gap between corporation leaderships and junior employees in Arab corporations, he said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Arar receives congratulation visits

AMMAN (Petra) — Newly appointed National Consultative Council (NCC) President Suleiman Arar was visited Wednesday by several senior government officials to congratulate him on his new post. Most prominent among these visitors were Commander in Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb, several NCC and Upper House of Parliament members and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Jordan Sheikh Ibrahim Al Sultan. Mr. Arar also received a number of congratulatory cables and messages from Jordan and abroad.

Ambassadors pay visit to Qasem

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem received in his office here Wednesday Japanese ambassador to Jordan Fumiya Okada on the occasion of the end of his term as ambassador to Jordan. Mr. Qasem also received Pakistani ambassador Shaharyar Khan with whom he discussed promoting further Jordanian Pakistani cooperation.

Australian minister inspects projects

AMMAN (Petra) — South Australia Agriculture Minister Ted Chapman visited on Wednesday a number of projects for the development of dry land farming (rain-fed crops) in the regions of Madaba and Al Mashqar. Mr. Chapman inspected the areas planted by experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and Jordan Cooperative Organisation in cooperation with Australian experts who work on the Jordanian-Australian joint project on the development of rain-fed crops in an attempt to introduce Australian agricultural methods to Jordan. Mr. Chapman later Wednesday left Amman at the end of his three day visit to Jordan.

U.J. to head inter-varsity seminar

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seminar on Jordan's economy and its relations with the economies of oil-producing states will be held here early in September. The seminar is organised in cooperation with Oxford University, the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University and the Royal Scientific Society. A special committee set up to prepare for the seminar is headed by University of Jordan Faculty of Commerce and Economy Dean Wadi' Sharayha. The committee is entrusted with preparing research projects for the seminar.

Stats. institute meet Wednesday

AMMAN (Petra) — The technical committee of the Baghdad-based Arab Training Institute for Statistics opened its meetings in Amman Wednesday. Its members will discuss in the coming three days the institute's activities and programmes for the next year and will refer their recommendations to the institute's board of trustees which is due to start a meeting here on Saturday.

Seminar to study population problems

AMMAN (J.T.) — A specialised seminar on population and development will open at the University of Jordan on July 31. During the three-day seminar, participants from Jordan and other countries will discuss problems connected with population and development problems.

Parks open for visitors

AMMAN (Petra) — The three national parks of Dibbin, Zai and Ishtafina have started to receive picnickers. Jordan Hotels and Restaurants Corporation Assistant Director General Moussa Mahmoud said that the corporation finished all preparations to receive visitors. He added that maintenance work was finished during winter and that new experienced staff were appointed at these parks.



The Queen listens to one of the competing children at the ceremony held on Wednesday

Queen attends child day ceremony

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday attended a special celebration to mark Jordan's National Day of the Child at Princess Alia Community College. Queen Noor examined paintings by children displayed at the college and then distributed prizes to the winners.

Celebrations for the National Day of the Child is expected to continue through Thursday with a special ceremony at Al Hussein.

Youth City's Palace of Culture, where there is to be held a competition in folk story telling by preparatory school pupils and on Friday a celebration will be held at Nazzal District's Social Community Centre in Amman. There, nearly 300 children will take part in flying kites.

Wednesday's celebration at the Palace of Culture was attended by ministers of education and social development along with a local audience.

EEC to extend \$63m loans to Jordan

(Continued from page 1)

It was noted that the financing already accorded by the EEC had been in the form of a mixture of various financial facilities, grants, soft loans and loans from the European Investment Bank (EIB), and it was desirable to continue to make use of the flexibility inherent in these different forms of aid.

Both delegations agreed that it would be appropriate to follow up the investments already made under the first protocol by further supporting certain projects in the current programme. In particular, assistance might now be provided to certain sectors to facilitate the implementation of projects previously supported by the European community.

On the other hand, Mr. Christopher Leithbridge, deputy manager of the Directorate for Operations at EIB said his bank started offering Jordan loans to develop its industry three years ago.

These loans have been financing light industrial projects in Sahab, and an electricity project in Zarqa, he said.

He added that the bank will finance other schemes over the coming months, such as water sewerage and electricity projects. Agreement has been reached between Jordan and the EEC that aid to Jordan should take the form of credit facilities, simple loans (medium or long-term), in addition to loans to be offered by the EIB.

The EEC mission which arrived in Amman on Monday, April 19 will depart for Damascus on Thursday, April 22. Members of the mission are Mr. Foley, Mrs. Georgina Wright of the EEC Commission, Mr. Leithbridge and Mr. Ernest Lamers, who is division chief of the Directorate for Operations at EIB.

The mission will visit Syria and Lebanon to discuss with officials there the EEC's assistance in implementing projects in both countries.

Jordan will continue to expose Village Leagues, says Abu Odeh

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh said here Wednesday that the Zionist enemy is currently implementing expansionist plans of annexing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip through the so-called Village Leagues.

He told a correspondent for the Algerian News Agency that through these leagues Israel intends at first to create electoral constituencies that would gradually

expand and replace national Palestinian electoral constituencies that enjoy the support of the Palestinian people since they work towards liberating the occupied territories and establishing an independent Palestinian state.

The minister explained that more than 40 per cent of West

Bank land has now been annexed by the Zionists and placed under Israeli army control for what they call security reasons.

Jordan has realised the enemy's plans which Israel presents to the West as part of and complementary to the Camp David accords and that Jordan will continue to expose these plans; the Palestinians under Israeli rule are fully aware of Israel's intentions

and adopt firm stands to abort the "Zionists' designs", Mr. Abu Odeh said. He expressed Jordan's hope that the Arabs will realise the seriousness of the present stage and unify their ranks for the sake of confronting the Zionist danger. Confronting Zionist designs will only be successful through a unified Arab stand, the minister concluded.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition

* *Carnet de Voyages*, colour photos by Emmanuel Jarry, at the French Cultural Centre.

Lecture

* *Masterpieces of the Early Renaissance*, by Dr. Paolo Piazziardi of the Italian embassy, at the Jordan National Gallery Thursday at 7 a.m.

Today's weather

Khamse conditions will cease today so there will be a gradual drop in temperature, low clouds will appear and there will be a chance of scattered showers. Winds will be south westerly moderate. Aqaba will be hazy with light and variable winds changing to northerly moderate and calm sea.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	14	26
Aqaba	19	32
Deserts	13	28
Jordan Valley	18	32

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 30, Aqaba 34. Humidity readings: Amman 28 per cent, Aqaba 22 per cent.

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Mubarak's economic challenges

By Jawad Ahmad

The countdown to April 25 has begun. This is the week when we expect to witness the withdrawal of Israeli soldiers - disguised in fatigues or in the civilian clothes of a settler - from the Sinai Peninsula. Whether the Israelis will actually withdraw or not is a question which awaits an answer until the morning of April 26th.

From this minute on, the Israeli propaganda forces have begun a sympathy campaign. Kahanah "heroically" - since he is risking a jail sentence - arrived from the U.S. in Israel to talk some settlers out of their threat of suicide.

We shall see many films and reports showing the frontiersmen being pulled into police vans. The whole world is expected to shed tears over those quitting Sinai.

Naturally the show is supposed to reveal what a sacrifice Israel is willing to make for peace. Israel attempts to compete with Egypt's reputation as a hero of peace, and to take the chance of discrediting Egypt, in general and President Mubarak in particular. Israeli strategists are to show that Israel loves peace, and that it is a great sacrifice to surrender any more land.

If President Mubarak were to take any further step to diminish the distance separating him from some Arab countries, he would be accused of exchanging peace for petrodollars. The already defamed Arab wealth would even more facilitate for those who wish to snuff his reputation. Furthermore, President Mubarak, press Israel to take more decisive steps to implement Resolution 242, the Israelis and their sympathisers would automatically accuse him of not being a man of peace. To demonstrate the truth in such an accusation, they would magnify and twist his intentions of bridging the gap to other Arab countries.

The question that comes to mind is why President Mubarak would take positive steps towards mending his relations with Arabs. The answer is based on several factors, most important of which are:

1. From the beginning of his presidency, Mubarak paid special attention to the economic situation in Egypt. To him, an open economic policy harmed the industrial base of Egypt and distorted the already skewed distribution. Sadat's policy had not proved to be correct.

President Mubarak knows that had it not been for employment opportunities awarded to Egyptians in other Arab countries, Egypt's unemployment rate would have been of staggering proportions. He also needs Arab money and investments to bridge the deficits in his balance of payments and to help him pay for arms and bread for the people.

2. The non-Arab aid which has come to Egypt since the Camp David agreements is today inadequate to meet Egypt's needs, and it is unlikely that it will be adequate in the future.

3. Egypt needs Arab markets to cure its ailing industries. If Arabs buy from almost everywhere, why not buy from Egypt?

4. The next steps needed in order to achieve a wider and more stable peace in the area call for investment of other Arabs.

5. There seems to be a gradual categorisation of Arab countries, moderates and Egypt can benefit from a closer cooperation.

The Israelis and their friends most realise that Egypt's problems, whether political or economic cannot be solved solely by the withdrawal of Israel from Sinai. If they cannot help Egypt in its economic plight and out of its seclusion they cannot deny her the right to seek help elsewhere. Moreover, a majority of the Egyptian people are in favour of closer relations with Arabs. It would be undemocratic of President Mubarak to ignore the wishes of the majority.

The Israeli flag in Cairo, and the Israeli goods entering the Egyptian market are questions likely to inhibit future Arab/Egyptian relations. How Egypt will deal with this matter is a question which remains to be answered.

Ghana slowly sliding into anarchy

By Lok Even
Reuter

ACCRA — An economic crisis, fuel and commodity shortages and breakdowns in military discipline are the prospects facing Ghana's ruler Jerry John Rawlings after 100 days in power.

Flt. Lt. Rawlings last December seized power in this west African state for the second time in 30 months and called for a social revolution to transform society.

The flight-lieutenant handed power to President Hilla Limann in October 1979, then deposed him and strongly denounced corruption in the impoverished state, once the richest in the region.

Today in Accra's bars and on the street corners the gossip is of counter-coups and assassination attempts. "The country is slowly sliding into anarchy," a Western diplomat said.

Informed sources said the 34-year-old Rawlings, popularly known by his initials, "J.J.", was

the subject of an assassination plot uncovered last month.

The bearded flight-lieutenant, half Scottish by his father, was last seen in public wearing what appeared to be a bullet-proof jacket and surrounded by bodyguards.

In Accra there is little to remind one of the heady days after independence from Britain in 1957 when the country under Kwame Nkrumah was the prosperous symbol of decolonisation in Africa.

Food and fuel shortage

There is an acute fuel shortage and in central Accra huge lines of cars and lorries queue in front of petrol stations day and night in the hope of getting their weekly ration.

Motorists often sleep in their cars outside filling stations rather than lose their place in the queues. Bread, soap, cooking oil, rice, eggs and beer are in short supply or unavailable in the shops.

Banking sources say the Ghana

currency, the Cedi, has a real market value of about one-tenth its official rate. They add that the government has very little foreign currency to purchase commodities abroad.

Adding to the nation's problems are recent breakdowns in military discipline in the cities of Kumasi, Takoradi and Tamale in which bloodshed led to the disarming of soldiers.

Anyone breaking the 10 p.m. to five a.m. curfew risks being shot by the troops. A central Ghana man who was urinating outside his home because he had no toilet was shot dead for curfew-breaking.

There is dissatisfaction among the Ghanaian middle-class generally and many are considering leaving the country to work. But most workers still believe that "J.J.", also known as "Junior Jesus," can improve conditions in the country. A taxi driver, talking in the local English dialect, said: "Things get worse before get better, boss. You wait small and see."

The flight-lieutenant has given a voice to the people through thousands of People's Defence Committees (PDC) in factories and villages who carry out the fight against corruption.

But business sources say excesses by the PDCs, including physical attacks on management, are wearing down the patience of many partly foreign owned companies and the foreigners are considering pulling out of Ghana.

They are also disappointed by what they see as a tendency of the new government to procrastinate before taking decisions needed to deal with urgent problems.

Of the procrastination one manager said: "It seems it's a Ghanaian disease."

The economy was hit by plummeting revenue from its main export, cocoa. Official figures show inflation now running at about 150 per cent a year.

Informed sources say Ghana currently holds some \$60 million in foreign reserves from the sale of cocoa.

ernational punishment and to justify the crime committed in the occupied Arab territories, such as firing at unarmed demonstrators and murdering worshippers in mosques. Although the Islamic group at the Security Council drew up the draft resolution in a way to avoid the U.S. veto, Washington insisted on pleasing Israel in spite of all international values and laws and despite the fact that all council members condemned Israel and called on it to apply the articles of the Geneva Convention in the occupied territories.

The American officials might justify their bias by alleging that Washington tried to avoid adopting a stand which Israel could exploit to postpone its withdrawal from Sinai. But the fact is that the United States vetoed the draft resolution because it called for the application of the Geneva Convention in the occupied Arab territories which, if applied, would result in imposing punishment on Israel if it violated the articles of the convention. Israel is daily violating all conventions. Israel is using U.S. weapons to murder old men, women and children and U.S. dollars to build settlements and displace the Palestinian people.

The United States vetoed the resolution at a time when news leaked about a new U.S. initiative to solve the Middle East crisis, to be declared after Israel's withdrawal from Sinai.

Atlantic strains grow

By Sidney Weiland
Reuter

LONDON — Western European political leaders, concerned by rising discord with the United States, are searching for improved forms of dialogue across the Atlantic. At the same time, they hope to give Europe a stronger, more unified voice in dealing with Washington on disputed key issues ranging from defence to trade relations.

West Germany has proposed more frequent NATO conferences so that strains can be detected before they build up. Rome favours a new institutionalised transatlantic relationship, while France seeks to sharpen European defence cooperation.

Many European officials profess alarm over what they see as a tendency by the Reagan administration to view almost all issues, including El Salvador, the Middle East, and trade with the Soviet bloc in terms of East-West conflict. Washington regards the West's response to martial law in Poland as flabby and ragged.

European initiatives

The concern has spawned a series of initiatives in the last six months, all aimed at streamlining the dialogue and strengthening Western Europe's hand in dealing with Washington.

West Germany and Italy have joined in proposing a solemn "European act" to improve political and security cooperation among the 10 nations of the European Economic Community (EEC).

Italy has pressed for a "formal instrument" a friendship pact between the EEC and the U.S. that would provide a basis for broader discussions on East-West relations, attitudes towards the Third World, and economic co-ordination.

For the first time in the 25-year history of the EEC, Britain pushed through a plan for a small team of European diplomats to work jointly on foreign policy issues. The EEC's main purpose so far has been economic co-operation.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has advocated that the 15 NATO foreign ministers meet four times a year instead of twice, and that two of the meetings should be informal, to allow for frank discussion.

France has canvassed "revitalisation" of the virtually moribund 27-year-old Western European Union to consider defence issues concerning Europe. This would mean the creation of a pressure group based on Western Europe's main military powers.

Except for the setting up of the small EEC foreign policy unit, all these ideas are still in the melting pot. They are likely to be increasingly aired in the run-up to two summit meetings planned for early June, the annual conference of seven major industrialised nations at Versailles and a NATO heads of government summit in Bonn. Government officials have started work on a planned declaration on Atlantic cooperation to be adopted at the NATO summit, but say their ideas are still fluid.

Reagan's stand on detente
Much will depend on contacts

between Washington and European capitals over the next two months in efforts to smooth out what both sides call the jagged edges of their relationship. While West European officials generally welcomed Mr. Reagan's election after four years of what many regarded as confusing drift under President Carter, some are no longer so sure. West Germany is deeply worried over his stand on detente and anxious that arms talks may bog down, while most allies in Europe believe he has overstated the communist threat in Central America, risking a further worsening of East-West relations.

Even Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government in Britain, despite its ideological affinity with Mr. Reagan, has taken a cautious stand on El Salvador and even on high U.S. interest rates, identified by other allies as a major problem.

European officials hope Mr. Reagan will use his visit to Europe to announce U.S. readiness to open negotiations with Moscow on limiting strategic nuclear weapons. They believe delay will fuel anti-nuclear sentiment both in Europe and the U.S. The U.S. administration says it is nearing the end of a long policy study on strategic arms.

U.S.-Soviet talks mark time

Last year, Mr. Reagan bowed to European pressure and agreed to open talks with the Soviet Union on European-based missiles. The talks began last November but have made little progress. "If there is no agreement (in Geneva), I anticipate a grave political crisis in U.S. European relations," former U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown said last month. Many Europeans fear the Geneva talks will mark time until parallel negotiations are opened on intercontinental missiles. There have been no U.S.-Soviet talks on strategic weapons since President Carter withdrew the SALT-II treaty from Senate debate following Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979. The West German government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has made it pointedly clear in private contacts with Washington that it remains firmly wedded to the twin policies of detente plus defence adopted by the NATO alliance 15 years ago. "There are some voices in America now taking a different line. Maybe, there is a need for some modification but basically the policy of 15 years is still the right one for us," a senior West German diplomat says.

French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson says there were "insurmountable differences" when a U.S. mission toured NATO capitals last month seeking a credit squeeze against the Soviet Union. Despite these and other "misperceptions," Western Europe continues to look to the U.S. for its nuclear shield, and officials say they are not alarmed by occasional American calls for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe. But they are aware that such pressure could mount unless Atlantic friction is reduced. David Watt, Director of Britain's Royal Institute of International Affairs, says there has been "a hardening of attitudes across the Atlantic," and that "some new framework to discuss problems is desirable."

Arabs, wake up!

AL RA'I: Even the crime of murdering worshippers in Al Aqsa Mosque has been protected by the U.S. veto in the United Nations Security Council. The council has completely failed even to issue a mere condemnation of the ugly crime which violated one of the most sacred shrines for Arabs and Muslims. Yet 14 council members have stressed the ugliness of the crime and the responsibility Israel must bear. What happened at the Security Council means that the United States protects Israeli acts against any international punishment or condemnation no matter how criminal or aggressive these acts are. This outcome should be more than enough to make Arabs and Muslims wake up and stop running after mirages.

The hope pinned on the awakening of the U.S. conscience is a mirage: as is the resorting to the Security Council. The crystal-clear truth which Arabs and Muslims have been ignoring remains and calls on them to resort to their conscience and honour and step down on all differences without any prior conditions set. After what has taken place, Arabs and Muslims have no alt-

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ernative hut to close ranks and build their strength. Jordan has time and again called for the achievement of this goal. The fact is that they must measure up to the challenges and confront them by real struggle and not by complaining to this side or that party.

History is full of lessons about victories won by people who suffered oppression and crushing defeats which destroyed relentless oppressors. These lessons, far and near, leave no doubt that the only condition, the indispensable prerequisite, for confronting and defeating the enemy is unity and struggle.

The way is clear and history lessons are at hand. There is no point in building castles in the air, that is if the Arabs are still the Arabs who reject oppression, humiliation and submissiveness.

Condemning the U.S.

AL DUSTOUR: The United States has used "the veto" at the United Nations Security Council to protect Israel against int-

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JORDAN TELEVISION FOR THURSDAY

4:30	Koran
4:50	Remedy
5:10	Arifon
5:30	Sinbad
6:20	Lobo
7:00	Programme Preview
7:05	Arabic Competition Programme
7:30	Programme on Women
8:00	News in Arabic
8:30	Arabic Series
9:30	Arabic Play
10:30	Arabic Play
11:00	News Summary

FOR FRIDAY

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	One in a Million
9:10	King's Crossing
10:00	News in English
10:15	Movie of the Week: "Young Cassidy"

FOR FRIDAY

10:00	Koran
10:30	Children's programme
11:00	Popeye
11:30	Religious Programme
12:00	The Muppet Show
12:30	The World We Live In
14:00	Emergency
16:30	The Waltons
17:30	Science and Life
18:00	Western Theatre
19:00	Feature Film
19:30	Religious Programme
20:00	News in Arabic
20:30	Arabic Series
21:30	Local Variety Programme
22:00	Arabic series
23:00	News in Arabic

RADIO JORDAN 855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM FOR THURSDAY

6:30	Love Thy Neighbour
9:10	Fall Guy
10:00	News in English
10:15	Crown Court

FOR FRIDAY

7:00	Sign on
7:05	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
8:30	News Summary
9:30	Pop Session
10:00	Signing off
11:00	News Headlines
12:03	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
14:00	Pop Session
14:10	News
14:30	Now Music
15:00	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:30	Instrumentals
17:00	Special Feature
17:30	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:30	My World!
18:30	Melody Time
19:00	News Desk
19:30	Musical
20:30	Evening Show
21:00	News Summary
21:30	Evening Show
22:00	Close down

BBC WORLD SERVICE FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 639, 720, 1413 KHz

GMT

06:00	Newsdesk 04:30 International
06:45	Special 04:45 Financial News
06:55	Reflections 05:00 World News; 24
07:00	Hours News Summary 05:30 People's
07:05	Choice 05:45 The World Today 06:00
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09:25	12:30 In the Machine 21:30 Business
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09:35	World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30

VOICE OF AMERICA FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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04:00	Daybreak 04:00 The Breakfast
04:15	Show 10:00 News Roundup; Reports,
04:30	options, analyses 10:30 VOA Mag-
04:45	azine Show: Americans, science, cul-
05:00	ture, letters 10:00 Special English News
05:15	16:10 Special English Science & Tec-
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05:45	Making of a Nation (Friday: The Living
06:00	Earth) 16:30 Now Music USA (Friday:
06:15	Country Music USA) 17:00 News Round-
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06:55	Report 18:15 Feature 18:30 Music USA
07:00	19:00 News Roundup 19:30 VOA Mag-
07:15	azine Show 20:00 Special English News
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AMMAN AIRPORT

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9:45	Kuwait
9:50	Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai
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DEPARTURES

16:50	Helsinki, Berlin, Athens
16:55	Lebanon, Beirut
17:00	Cairo
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18:05	Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)
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18:50	Cairo
19:00	Baghdad

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ECONOMY

OPEC: Oil market improving

VIENNA (R) — OPEC believes the oil market is beginning to improve after several months during which a world glut has threatened to send prices crashing, according to oil ministers meeting here.

The ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela met as a market monitoring committee of OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Libya's minister was in Vienna to observe the talks.

The committee heard expert reports on the market one month after OPEC set a reduced output ceiling for its 13 members of 175 million barrels daily in an attempt to defend its reference price of \$34 a barrel in the surplus-laden market.

Ministers such as Venezuela's Humberto Calderon Berti cited an

increase in prices on the spot market to back their view that the pressure on OPEC has eased.

"We had a very good meeting," Dr. Calderon Berti told reporters. "The market is recovering. Spot prices are better than a month ago. I think the decisions we took a month ago were correct and are having an effect."

Dr. Calderon Berti said OPEC output had in fact dropped below the reduced ceiling.

As far as the committee knew no members were exceeding their individually-assigned quotas within the total and some, including Libya, Iraq and Ecuador, were producing below these levels.

Market analysts say that Saudi Arabia, poised to take yet more oil off the market if necessary to defend prices, has let it be known it would be reluctant to help out if other members "cheat" and ex-

ceeded their output quotas.

Dr. Calderon Berti dismissed speculation that some members would press to lower the \$34 reference price for Arab light crude at the next scheduled price-fixing session in Quito, Ecuador, on May 20.

"We are going to defend it," he said.

Western oil industry executives, however, question how long cash-hungry exporters can continue producing at low levels. Nigeria is under strong pressure to cut its price and is introducing emergency economic measures.

Much will depend on how soon demand revives from the current very low levels.

Dr. Calderon Berti told reporters Wednesday that total non-communist world demand was now running at 43 to 44 million barrels daily but would pick up to

average 46 million for the whole year, of which 20 million would come from OPEC.

Market analysts said that if he was right there should be an opportunity for OPEC to boost output in the autumn.

Dr. Calderon Berti said spot prices for Arab light crude had dropped as low as \$28.50 a barrel but had now picked up to almost \$31.

He said spot prices for British North Sea crude were almost \$2 above a low British official price of \$31. The low British price has been a factor encouraging buyers to press for reductions by OPEC.

Dr. Calderon Berti said the monitoring committee, which is expected to complete its work here this afternoon, would meet again in Caracas on May 18 ahead of the Quito ministerial conference.

Pakistan to import Iranian oil

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan is to import crude oil from Iran over the next year at the rate of 10,000 barrels a day (b/d), according to Finance Minister Gholam Ishaq Khan.

The minister told reporters that the oil import was part of a short-term trade agreement between the two countries providing for two-way trade worth \$400-500 million over the next 12 months.

Mr. Khan said the price of the Iranian oil would be "advantageous" to Pakistan, but gave no details.

He also said that during a recent visit to Iran he signed a long-term trade agreement for an initial period of five years, and accords on cooperation in oil exploration, shipping, and railway transport.

Bleak prospects for early EEC farm prices accord

LUXEMBOURG (R) — European Economic Community (EEC) agriculture ministers opened a three-day session on farm prices here Wednesday with little sign of early agreement.

Britain, which is demanding rebates on its EEC budget payments, has linked any increase in prices for the EEC's eight million farmers to an accord on refunds on its membership bill.

EEC sources said France and several other countries pressing for a hefty price increase were expected to urge Britain to soften its stand in view of EEC solidarity on the Falkland Islands crisis.

But while expressing gratitude for this support, Britain has made clear it still feels farm prices are an inseparable part of the budget debate because of their heavy cost to EEC funds.

But British officials maintain one year of favourable world prices for agricultural products does not make the budget problem go away.

Without rebates, Britain would find itself a heavy net contributor to the budget because of the small share of EEC agricultural subsidies it receives.

Ministers arriving for Wednesday's meeting said they were not optimistic that an agreement

on higher farm prices would be reached this week.

EEC foreign ministers will meet here on Monday and Tuesday to reopen budget negotiations and even a draft agreement on agricultural prices would be subject to a positive outcome from their talks.

Apart from farm prices, the agriculture ministers have a range of other issues to discuss which may also form part of an eventual price package.

Debate continues on U.S. budget deficit

WASHINGTON (R) — Congressional and White House negotiators failed to agree Tuesday night on ways of bringing the 1983 U.S. budget deficit down to below \$100 billion.

Congressional sources said another meeting would be held at the White House Wednesday afternoon.

And, they said, Democrats and Republicans planned to discuss

options — from tax changes to spending cuts — for cutting the deficit during meetings Wednesday with their respective parties in Congress.

During Tuesday's session, sources said the negotiators agreed the deficit would rise to \$180 billion if no action were taken. They set a goal of cutting it to less than 100 billion.

Several participants said they hoped an accord could be reached this week.

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker has said if no agreement is reached this week, he would ask the Senate Budget Committee to resume consideration of its own budget plan.

President Reagan estimated a deficit of \$91.5 billion when he submitted his 1983 budget plans to Congress in February.

Portugal to present plan to help Angola, Mozambique

LISBON (R) — Portugal's secretary of state for foreign affairs, Mr. Leonardo Matias, will put forward an ambitious project for the economic reconstruction of Angola and Mozambique when he meets Edgar Pisani, European Economic Community (EEC) commissioner for development, in Brussels on Thursday.

Government sources said Mr. Matias, who accompanied President Antonio Ramalho Eanes to Angola last week, would also try to persuade the community that an enormous opportunity was offered by a new political mood in the two ex-colonies that became staunch Soviet allies after their independence from Portugal in 1975.

Both countries have faced mounting economic problems since independence, including severe food shortages.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices were firm Wednesday and trading was more active than of late on hopes that a peaceful solution to the Falklands crisis will be found, dealers said.

However, prices ended off the highs on profit-taking and at 1570 the F.T. index was up 6.1 at 368.7 after touching 372.2 at noon.

Glaxo, firm since the interim results two weeks ago, was again outstanding, ending 10p higher at 637 after 641. Hawker Siddeley was up a net 4p after 1981 results and among other leaders, GEC rose 8p to 832.

Gold shares were generally higher but North American issues eased.

Long dated government bonds ended with gains of 1/4 to one point on small buying interest and easier short term U.S. and U.K. interest rates, while shorts were up by around 3/4 point. U.K. average earnings figures for February were in line with expectations and had little impact, dealers said.

Smiths Industries was down a further 8p at 370 after Tuesday's results and the accompanying cautious statement. Delta group was unchanged at 47 1/2 and RMC up 8p at 227.

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WORLD

Jobs head agenda at SPD meet

MUNICH (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD), in a move which could further strain his left-liberal coalition, edged Wednesday towards approving demands for more government action to curb unemployment in West Germany.

A resolution tabled at the SPD national congress in Munich expressly rejected the conservative monetarist policies pursued by the United States and Britain and said West Germany should give top priority to securing jobs.

The motion, toughening proposals by the SPD leadership, called

for more state credits and a surtax on high incomes to fund the fight against unemployment, currently at a 30-year high of 1.8 million jobs.

The proposals, endorsed by speakers including Labour Minister Herbert Ehrenberg, could set the SPD on a collision course with the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), who oppose tax rises and are reluctant to increase state borrowing.

The motion would rule out cuts in social services, a course favoured by the liberals.

The economic policy debate, due to be concluded by early evening, temporarily overshadowed disputes over Western nuclear arms strategy which flared Tuesday night.

By altering the programme, party leaders left no time for the clashes on NATO missile deployment plans to resume. The conference was adjourning earlier than usual because of a European cup soccer match in the adjoining Olympic stadium.

SPD officials said the 440 delegates would not now vote until Thursday on whether to renew backing for NATO's disputed decision to station new U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in West Europe unless arms talks with Moscow produce results.

The Bonn coalition came close to breakdown over economic strategy last year and went through

weeks of wrangling before agreeing on a 12.5 billion mark (\$5.3 billion) investment and job creation programme last February.

Mr. Schmidt acknowledged before the congress that the impact of recession had sharpened differences between the two parties, whose relationship has also been troubled by the SPD's disputes over Western nuclear strategy and atomic energy.

FDP Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff Wednesday attacked the Social Democrats' latest economic proposals and said "there won't be any new tax increases with us." He told the mass circulation Bild Zeitung that Bonn should continue its course of cutting state spending.

Madrid asks Rabin to put off visit

MADRID (R) — The Spanish government told former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin Wednesday to put off a scheduled trip to Spain because of high tension in the Middle East.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Mr. Rabin had asked to come to Spain next Sunday but was told this was not a good moment for a visit.

"It was not clear whether it was to be a private visit or to speak to the Jewish community and we decided with the situation in the Sinai and recent attacks on Israeli officials in Europe it would be better if he put the trip off," he said.

Pakistani aide in Peking

PEKING (R) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahibzada Yaqub Khan arrived in Peking Wednesday where he was met by Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Hua.

Mr. Yaqub Khan, who arrived from Canton, is expected to hold talks with Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang as well as with Mr. Huang, who is also China's foreign minister.

Afghan rebels reportedly execute Soviet official

ISLAMABAD (R) — An Afghan guerrilla group has killed a senior Soviet adviser it was holding captive because Moscow failed to meet a demand to swap him with 50 of its supporters held by the Soviet-backed Afghan government, a spokesman of the group said Wednesday.

Mohammad Yaqub Sharafat, information secretary of the Pakistan-based Hezbe Islami (Unus Khalis group), told Reuters the prisoner, E.R. Okrimyuk, was kidnapped from the centre of the Afghan capital Kabul on Sept. 14.

He was shot about a month ago in Afghanistan, the spokesman said.

There was no immediate comment from the Soviet embassy in Islamabad or the Pakistani Foreign Ministry on the claim of the Afghan group which is based in Peshawar, capital of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan.

Mr. Sharafat, who spoke to Reuters from Peshawar, refused to say where in Afghanistan the Soviet official was shot.

"The Russians will bomb the place if we reveal it," he said.

"We offered several times to free him in exchange for 50 of our men but the Russians did not respond positively," he added.

Hezbe Islami said last November that Mr. Okrimyuk, 68, reported to be an adviser on geo-

logy in Afghanistan, had addressed a letter to Soviet premier N. S. Khrushchev appealing for his release to be arranged.

The Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had earlier said the Afghan rebel group had asked it to take up the case and there had been contacts in Geneva between the ICRC and the Soviet Union.

But the ICRC's involvement was complicated because it was no longer represented in Afghanistan.

Mr. Sharafat said the Soviet prisoner had also addressed a letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

He said his group gave enough time to the Soviets to exchange their man with the Afghan prisoners. "But the Russians proved that they are not interested in the lives of their own men," he added.

Mr. Sharafat would not say whether his group was holding any other Russians as prisoners in Afghanistan where there are an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops.

The ICRC said last October it was seeking to have several Russians captured by Afghan insurgents transferred to an internment camp in a third country so that it could visit them.

Poet Macleish dies at 90

BOSTON (R) — Influential American poet Archibald Macleish, 90, died here Tuesday night, a hospital spokesman said.

He was recognised as a major figure in American letters and won two Pulitzer prizes, the leading literary honour in the United States.

Macleish graduated from Harvard University in 1919 with a law degree but practised the profession for only three years.

He lived in Europe, mostly France, during the 1920s and returned to the United States in the following decade.

ETA admits Sunday blast

SAN SEBASTIAN (R) — Basque separatist guerrillas said Wednesday they were responsible for Sunday's bombing of the Madrid main telephone exchange and six grenade attacks against security forces in the past few days.

A caller claiming to speak for the violent wing of the separatist organisation ETA (Basque homeland and freedom) told the radical Basque daily Egin that ETA would issue a statement later to explain the attacks. A policeman died and a dozen people have been injured in the latest wave of violence.

Police, youths clash in Notting Hill

LONDON (R) — Police armed with truncheons fought a street battle with 200 youths who rampaged last night in the London suburb of Notting Hill Gate.

Police said 30 people were arrested and two policemen hurt in the riots which started when the mainly black youths overturned cars, smashed windows and began to make petrol bombs.

The disturbances began after police stopped a man and woman thought to be in possession of dangerous drugs. A crowd soon gathered which managed to free the two who ran away.

Once calm was restored to the area, police patrolled the streets wearing anti-riot helmets and face-shields.

Last April more than 200 people, mostly policemen, were injured in three nights of rioting in the multi-racial London suburb of Brixton.

Notting Hill Gate was the scene of major race riots in the summer of 1958 when about 2,000 youths took to the streets, breaking the windows of houses occupied by the coloured people.

2nd wave of Falklands expedition at Ascension

ASCENSION ISLAND (R) — The second wave of Britain's Falklands-bound naval task force, carrying tanks, fighter aircraft and 3,000 troops, has begun arriving at this mid-Atlantic island.

Residents said the Canberra, a cruise liner hastily converted into a troopship and now carrying 2,000 British soldiers, and the Elk, a chartered cargo vessel transporting tanks and Harrier aircraft, anchored about one mile offshore early Tuesday.

The 11,060-ton assault ship Fearless, with 1,000 marines on board, also reached this remote volcanic island Tuesday, followed by the Dutch-registered tug Typhoon, chartered by the British navy, and several landing craft.

Shore leave has been banned. Helicopters and lighters taking supplies and personnel to the ships provide their only contact with the British-owned island, whose 1,200 population has been swollen by hundreds of British troops since the start of the Falklands crisis.

The last vessel of the first wave of the force, which included two aircraft carriers, left here last Thursday.

Ascension Island, 3,500 miles from the Falkland Islands, has become a vital supply base for the British force, which is sailing south to back Britain's diplomatic efforts to regain control of its South Atlantic colony from Argentina.

Residents say firing is frequently heard from parts of the island put off bounds to civilians and turned into training areas for the troops, practising, for a possible battle, to re-take the Falklands, seized by Argentine troops on April 2.

Residents said the atmosphere remains calm despite the military influx. Besides the training areas, the island's airport, leased to the United States but taken back on an emergency basis by the British military, is closed to civilians.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
North-South vulnerable.
East deals.

NORTH
♦ J
♦ 976
♦ A J 10 6 2
♦ Q 8 5 3

EAST
♦ 9 6 4 2 ♦ A 10 8 7 3
♦ J 8 5 4 ♦ Q 10 2
♦ 5 4 3 ♦ Q 8
♦ J 7 ♦ A 9 6

SOUTH
♦ K Q 5
♦ A K 3
♦ K 9 7
♦ K 10 4 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♦ 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Two of ♠.

If cards had glass backs, three no trump would be an easy contract. Just bang out the ace and king of diamonds, dropping the queen, and claim at least ten tricks. Even though few of us are blessed with that sort of intuition, an expert card technician should still bring home his no trump game.

South's overall showed the equivalent of a one no trump opening bid. North's raise was rather aggressive, but we might have taken the same action because of the good five-card suit and supporting card in spades.

West led a low spade. East captured the jack with the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won the queen, and it now seems right to go after the diamonds. But careful

analysis shows that that would be an error.

For his opening bid, East surely has the ace of clubs. If he has only a five-card spade suit, he quite likely will also have the queen of diamonds.

But if East has six spades, it is possible that West, who would then have only three spades, might have the red lady.

Declarer cannot afford to give up the lead twice to East, for then the spade suit will be established and cashable before declarer has his nine tricks. Therefore, declarer must first attack East's sure entry—the ace of clubs.

Correct technique at trick three is to lay down the king of clubs. If East refuses to win, declarer abandons clubs and concedes a trick to the queen of diamonds immediately. He now has nine tricks—two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club. Therefore, East must win the ace of clubs and return a spade, eliminating declarer's last stopper.

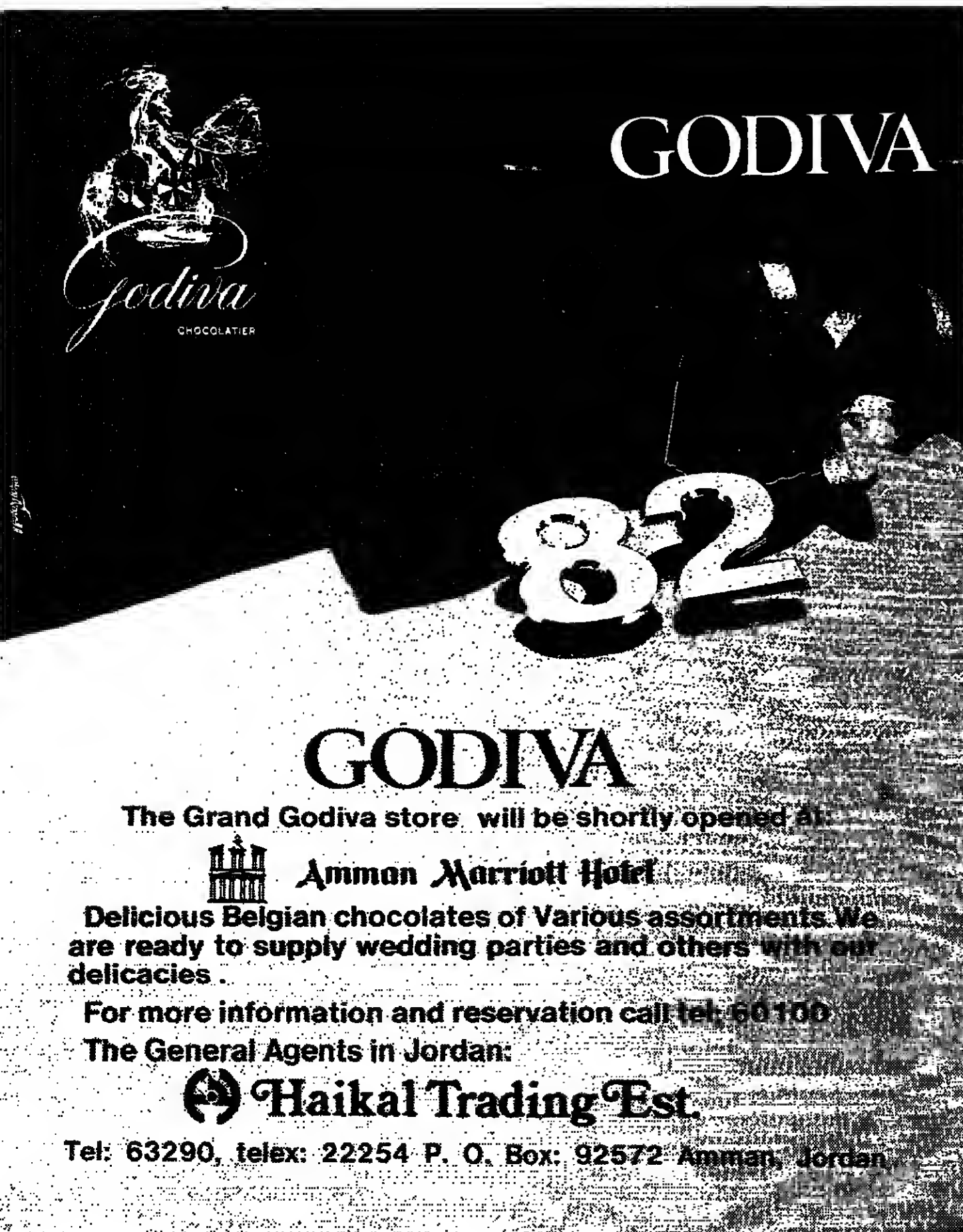
But now the queen of clubs is an entry to dummy. Declarer crosses to it and leads a low diamond to the nine. If the finesse wins, the contract sails home unless East has four diamonds. If it loses, declarer hopes that West is out of spades. But when declarer crosses to the club queen the jack falls, and now declarer has nine tricks by running clubs even if he makes only two diamonds.

Gen. Jaruzelski visits Hungary

WARSAW (R) — Polish military leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski left Wednesday for Hungary, the fourth in a series of visits to his Communist allies since he declared martial law last December.

The official news agency PAP, reporting Gen. Jaruzelski's departure, did not say when he would return, but he is expected back in time for a meeting of the Communist Party's policy-making central committee Thursday.

Hungary did not engage in the war of words against Solidarity launched by other Communist states and sent a message of goodwill to the union's first national congress in Gdansk last September.



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THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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QUOTE, UNQUOTE
By Sidney L. Robbins

ACROSS

1 Pointed remark
5 Affire
10 Sam, the
15 Network
19 Ersatz butter
20 Horse chief
21 City on the Rhine
22 Helene
23 Helene
24 Leaky goal
25 Brisk diet
26 Repeat
27 Conquest
28 Opening
30 Rubber tree
35 Mimic

DOWN

1 Gray or steam
2 Yoo
3 "The — is silence"
4 The two
5 Chauffeur
6 "Kiss"
7 Veto into office
8 Wood whip
9 Arie
10 Knockhead
11 Gitta
12 Soviet range
13 Salin
14 Bar, in law
15 Frolic
16 Flightless bird var.
17 Tip
18 Gardener of rhododendrons
20 Dame Edith
28 Destroy

Diagramless

1 Put into office
6 Diameter halves
7 Huge wave
10 Government by force
12 Hand part
14 Total up
15 County in England
16 Incompletely planned

13 Word of mouth
14 Gargantuan
17 Atmosphere
18 Public vehicle
21 Workshop
22 Kingly
23 Reside
24 Final
25 Part of day
26 Period
27 Nymphet

36 "— needs a good five-cent —"
37 Non-citizens
42 Horrible
47 Church council decree
48 See 27A
52 City namesakes
53 Skating maneuver
54 Vendition
55 QED word
56 Military monogram
57 Mineral rock
58 Parsigian
59 Farrow of films
62 Marshy places
63 Welcome or place
64 Turn aside

65 Article
67 Consume
69 Frequently
71 Consume
72 "The — must justify the means"
73 Untrue
74 Decree
75 Secret, as information
76 Backed with money
77 Eastern VIP
82 Shed or seed
83 "God he" mercy on such —"
84 Alce Fr.
87 Raced
89 Adipose
91 Ireland
94 Prehistoric era
96 Worm

86 Galle's miller
88 Small coin
89 Ruler of the Republicans
90 Direction
91 See 89A
92 See 89A
93 Famed office
94 Lymph
95 Part of a poetic foot
96 Pain
97 USSR river
98 Western spread
99 King of Tyre
100 King of Tyre
101 Caesar card
102 German seaport
103 Carries (with 117A)
104 Against

87 Type of pipe
89 Social
90 Color
91 River in Spain
92 Tissue by lace
93 Dinah of song
94 King of Tyre
95 A Ford
96 Caesar card
97 German seaport
98 Carries (with 117A)
99 Against

CRYPTOGRAMS

MEDIKA BMDRUM BOD ZEMUU KY RBYZT ANY
MERMAI ID KEYZ CLMMY XLDCT BY IOMEL
IOLDNIT. — By India M. Sperry

2. RELVRD OMPPRVL MD NEDEXRL EDR DRESSI
OEXSI NELLR. — By Conale Rosenfeld

3. STYZBYZZ UTZYBJJIZP CIYZZI MYSEEL
STYZZCCCKO CIMUZZP REC UEW IJZ JL SEIO
WMIZZY SMYU. JMSR! — By Martha P. Gerner

4. WHITECHIP ACLIP LWWPIPR SMYIMETA ET
SPRRETY. — By E.P. Grover

LAST WEEK'S CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Bold echo reverberating in cavern shattered most old stalactites and stalagmites.
2. Coin-operated concession carried cold cans of soda pop for sale at top price.
3. Pro baseball players needed a buzzing fly instead of a whizzing ball.
4. Hero team took tour of new farm, looking for slugging rockies.

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